

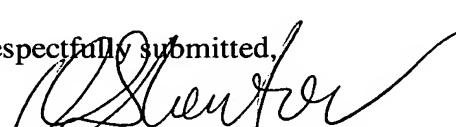
REMARKS

On February 25, 2003, applicants submitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent Office a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(e) and 1.181(f) requesting that a Continuation Prosecution Application (CPA) request filed on February 11, 2003, based on priority application Serial No. 09/882,228 filed on June 14, 2001, be treated as a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), rather than under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d), and be accorded a filing date of February 11, 2003.

A Decision Granting Petition was issued on June 28, 2004. A copy of the Decision is enclosed. Pursuant to the Decision, the present application was assigned Serial No. 10/713,923 and processed as a continuation application filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) with filing date of February 11, 2003. In addition, the Decision requested applicants to pay filing fee and surcharge, as well as to amend the specification of the application to claim priority of the parent application Serial No. 09/882,228.

Applicants note with appreciation the favorable resolution of this matter and authorize the U.S. Patent Office to charge the required basic filing fee of \$750.00 and surcharge of \$130.00 to the Jones Day Deposit Account No. 503013. In addition, applicants respectfully request the U.S. Patent Office to enter into the record of the present application the above amendment to the specification.

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